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Russian Sanitary Rules and Norms

Most Russian veterinary certificates for imported U.S. meat were agreed upon in 1996 based on Russian medical and biological requirements approved in 1989. Presently, the Russian Veterinary Department is updating its food import regulations in accordance to Hygienic Requirements (SanPiN 2.3.2.560-96) adopted in 1996. This SanPiN-96 was originally sent to FAS Washington in hard copy in 1997 and in February 2002. It is now being sent in report form to ensure that a translation is readily available electronically.

Since the Russian Veterinary Department is still developing normative and legal acts in accordance with the SanPiN-96, and the U.S. and Russian veterinarian departments already have agreed upon certificate for exporting U.S. poultry to Russia, it has not yet become necessary to take concrete action in response to the notification.

A letter from the Chief Russian veterinarian dated February 11, 2002, requested that U.S. veterinarians provide detailed information before March 1, 2002, concerning feed additives, the use of antibiotics, and sanitary standards adhered to by producers and processors of U.S. poultry. Despite a timely U.S. response the Russian Veterinary Department announced a temporary ban on U.S. poultry beginning March 10, 2002.

Source: USDA/FAS

Egg Expansion in Malaysia

Over the next two years, egg producer Huat Lai Resources Bhd plans to expand production from the current level of 900,000 eggs daily to 1.5 million eggs per day. The company would add eight more high-tech layer houses to its current 13 houses. Huat Lai exports 50 percent of its output to Singapore and some to Hong Kong and Indonesia. Huat Lai has around 4 percent of the Malaysia market. Future plan may include processing egg products.

Source: International Egg Commission.

Thai Campaign to Increase Egg Sales

A campaign to boost egg consumption is likely to lift demand 3.1 percent to 9,301 million eggs this year, according to Thailand's Association of Hen-Egg Farmers, Traders and Exporters. Per capita consumption would reach 144 eggs, up from 140. Production is projected to increase by more than 3 percent to 9,075 million eggs this year, compared to 8,800 million last year.

Source: International Egg Commission.

Forecast for U.S. Poultry Exports Unchanged in 2002

Broiler production in 2002 is projected at 32.05 billion pounds, up nearly 3 percent from last year. Chick placements through the beginning of March have averaged almost 4 percent higher and live weights are about 2 percent heavier. Production in the first half of 2002 is expected to increase 3-4 percent, growth in the second half is forecast 2-3 percent higher.

Currently, the U.S. poultry industry is faced with a number of bans on the export of their product. Mexico, Japan and the Philippines banned poultry products from Connecticut and Pennsylvania due to outbreaks of low-pathogenic avian influenza in those states. The Ukraine, Moldova and Russia have banned all import of poultry and egg products from the U.S. The stated reason for the ban is the use of antibiotics and other medications in poultry production and the use of anti-microbial rinses in poultry processing.

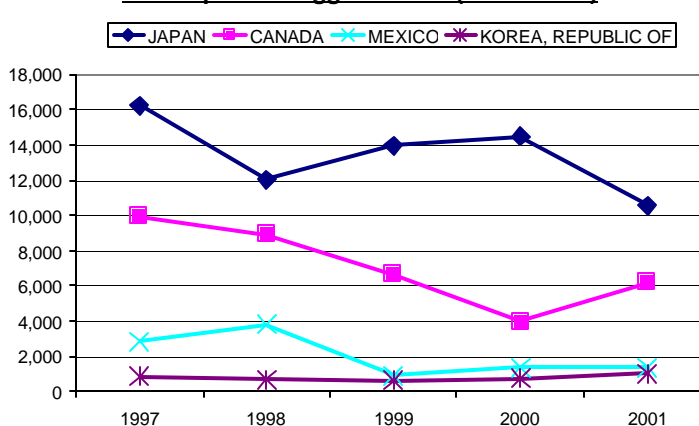
Forecasts of Annual U.S. Trade in million pounds

	2000	2001	2002
Broiler	5,392	6,186	6,350
Turkey	445	487	495

A ban on poultry imports by Russia could have a strong impact on the domestic poultry industry if the ban is kept in place for an extended time period. In 2001, Russia imported 2.3 billion pounds of broiler products from the United States, 37 percent of total U.S. broiler exports, on a quantity basis. In 2001, exports to Russia accounted for 45 percent of all other chicken exports and 18 percent of all turkey exports on a quantity basis. Less than 1 percent of all egg exports went to Russia in 2001.

Source: USDA/ Economic Research Service

U.S. Exports of Egg Products (metric tons)



Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 09, 2002

Year-To-Date

	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	355	299	3,042	1,702
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	1	0	1	22
Total	356	299	3,043	1,724

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Mar 09, 2002

Year-To-Date

	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	265	60	1,071	1,084
Frozen	136	87	617	291
Dried	46	61	532	143
Total	447	208	2,220	1,518

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 09, 2002

Year-To-Date

	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	48	77	72
Extra Large	120	676	570	2,396
Large	300	1,806	8,056	17,881
Medium	2,510	620	9,441	6,618
Ungraded	0	5,304	0	18,144
Misc	300	750	4,594	3,187
Total	3,230	9,204	22,738	48,298

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 09-Mar-02
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,634	1,319	2,953
LAST WEEK	1,705	1,341	3,046
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,010	1,270	3,280
TO-DATE/2002	17,894	12,785	30,679
TO-DATE/2001	18,487	12,652	31,139

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	482	0	482
LAST WEEK	298	0	298
SAME WEEK YR AGO	571	4	575
TO-DATE/2002	3,678	20	3,698
TO-DATE/2001	5,470	56	5,526

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,116	1,319	3,435
LAST WEEK	2,003	1,341	3,344
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,581	1,274	3,855
TO-DATE/2002	21,572	12,805	34,377
TO-DATE/2001	23,957	12,708	36,665

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

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CHICKEN15-MAR-2002
PRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDEDPRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50	10.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	11.50	10.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00	9.00-13.00	836,400	122,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.00	9.84		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

CHICKEN15-MAR-2002
PRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDEDPRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	12.25-14.00	954,000	478,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.92	12.90		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-13.00	11.00-13.00	1,320,000	264,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.22	12.17		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 MARCH 2002.

Demand and trading slow. Buyers cautious as the market continues to be unsettled due to recent poultry bans to Russia. Domestic markets reflect the same cautiousness and buyers only purchasing the most immediate needs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.50		26.50	104	27.75	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	156	27.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.50	104	28.50	104
TAILS		R	21.00	104	23.53	172
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	12.50		12.50	40	11.02	524
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	54.00	52	56.17	92

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.50	104
TAILS	21.00		21.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	12.00-13.00		12.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	52

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.50	104
TAILS		T	27.41	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	11.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	59.00	40

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	104
TAILS	27.00-28.00		27.41	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	11.50		11.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00		59.00	40

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	9.00		9.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	59.23	224

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.